



COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INSPECTION SPECIALIST I

OPEN STATEWIDE EXAMINATION

CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT: EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ALL REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, DISABILITY, RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATION, AGE, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

IT IS AN OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACHIEVE A DRUG-FREE STATE WORKPLACE. ANY APPLICANT FOR STATE EMPLOYMENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE BECAUSE THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE, THE RULES GOVERNING CIVIL SERVICE, AND THE SPECIAL TRUST PLACED IN PUBLIC SERVANTS.

FINAL FILING DATE **May 28, 2009**
Applications (STD. 678, Rev. 12-06) must be **POSTMARKED** no later than the final filing date. Applications postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after the final filing date will not be accepted for any reason. Submit applications to:

California Highway Patrol
Selection Standards and Examinations Unit
P. O. Box 942898
Sacramento, CA 94298-0001

DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD.

SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in item number 2 on the application. You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

NOTE: Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to each phase of the examination.

WRITTEN TEST DATE **July 25, 2009**

SALARY RANGE \$2873 - \$3419

This is an open examination. Career credits do not apply.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION A departmental eligible list will be established for the California Highway Patrol. This list will be abolished 48 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period. Please note that the list can be abolished any time after 12 months based on the needs of the service.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION **NOTE: All applicants must meet the experience and/or education requirements for this examination by the written test date.**

Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either I," "Or II," "Or III," etc. For example, candidates possessing qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern I, and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern II, may be admitted to an examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirement.

Either I

In the California state service, one year of experience performing duties in automotive or heavy equipment services and repair at a level not less than Automotive Technician Trainee, Department of California Highway Patrol.

Or II

One year of experience as an auto, truck, or construction equipment mechanic; bus driver; driver of any commercial truck which required a Class A or B driver license; or any position which required the knowledge of the mechanics, size-weight, registration requirements, or load and safety regulations of heavy duty commercial vehicles.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS Evidence of satisfactory arrest and driving records.

DRUG TESTING REQUIREMENT Applicants for positions in this classification are required to pass a drug screening test. (The drug screening test will be waived for employees who are currently in a classification for which drug testing is required under State Personnel Board Rule 213.)

THE POSITION Under close supervision, a Commercial Vehicle Inspection Specialist I performs routine inspections on commercial type vehicles to determine if they comply with weight, size, registration, safety, and equipment requirements, and inspects and tests all types of commercial vehicle brake systems for compliance with the Vehicle Code and other applicable laws and regulations, and when required, refers violators to an enforcement officer for action.

Positions exist statewide.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION This examination will consist of a written test weighted 100%. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained. **Competitors who do not appear for the written test will be disqualified.**

Written Test Only - Weighted 100%

- A. Knowledge of:
1. Pertinent sections of the Vehicle Code and other laws and regulations governing the registration and operation of commercial vehicles including, but not limited to, weight and loading standards, size, and required safety equipment.
 2. Methods, materials, tools, and equipment used in the construction, overhaul, and testing of commercial braking systems.
 3. Applicable regulations governing commercial vehicle braking systems.

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- B. Ability to:
1. Apply applicable laws and regulations.
 2. Prepare accurate and legible report forms.
 3. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.
 4. Be firm and tactful in dealing with the public.
 5. Detect and locate brake system deficiencies.
 6. Work odd or unusual hours, including weekends and holidays.

VETERANS PREFERENCE

Veterans preference credits will be added to the final score of those competitors who are successful in this examination and who qualify for, and have requested these points. **VETERANS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED PERMANENT CIVIL SERVICE STATUS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE VETERANS CREDITS.**

HIRING INFORMATION

Background Investigation: The CHP conducts a background investigation to determine the competitor's suitability for employment. Information collected for a background investigation after the examination is distinct from that required on the standard application (STD 678, Rev. 12-06) which is completed prior to the examination. You may be required to divulge conviction information on the background investigation form that is not required of you when completing the STD 678. Fingerprints of competitors are also taken as part of the background investigation.

GENERAL INFORMATION

It is the competitor's responsibility to contact the California Highway Patrol, Examinations, telephone (916) 375-2535, three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

Applications (STD. 678, Rev. 12-06) for open and promotional examinations are available from the California Highway Patrol, local offices of the Employment Development Department, the State Personnel Board (SPB), and the SPB website at www.spb.ca.gov.

If you meet the requirements stated on this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in this examination will be compared with the performance of the others who take the test, and all competitors who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The **California Highway Patrol** reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

Written Test Location(s): The written test will be given in such places in California as the number of competitors and conditions warrant.

General Qualifications: Competitors must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and the ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the classification.

Veterans Preference: Government Code Section 18973.5(a) defines an entrance examination, for purposes of awarding veterans preference credits in open and open nonpromotional examinations, as "...any open competitive examination other than one for a classification having a requirement of both college graduation AND two or more years of experience." Government Code Section 18973.5(b) requires that veterans preference credits be awarded in all qualifying entrance examinations in which a veteran competes and that no veterans credits shall be allowed once a veteran achieves permanent civil service status (successful completion of the probationary period for the classification of hire). In open examinations, veterans, widows, or widowers of veterans, and spouses of disabled veterans qualify for veterans points. 15 points for disabled veterans; 10 points for other veterans. In open nonpromotional examinations, only the veteran qualifies for veteran points: 10 points for disabled veterans; 5 points for other veterans. Directions for applying for veterans preference points are on the Application for Veterans Preference form (SPB 1093) which is available from State Personnel Board offices, written test proctors, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 942895, Sacramento, CA 94295-0001.

The **California Relay Service** enables a person with a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) to communicate over telephone lines with another person who does not have a TDD. To use the California Relay Service, call the following: if you have a TDD, 1-800-735-2929; if you do not have a TDD, 1-800-735-2922.